

**MTA LABOR NEWS UPDATE**

Friday, November 7, 2003

**Day 25**

**UPDATE:** Current Situation, Day 25

With less than half their members in attendance, ATU mechanics voted, Friday, to reject MTA's last, best and final contract offer. The final vote was 1,267 no, 87 yes.

Citing a contract offer that includes wage hikes and increases to benefits, MTA urged the mechanics to reconsider their decision. MTA said the on-going strike is causing tremendous harm to hundreds of thousands of LA County residents, as well as to the families of ATU members who already have lost thousands of dollars in wages.

MTA's contract offer to the ATU includes wage increases totaling more than 5 percent, an immediate cash infusion of \$4.7 million to the ATU Health & Welfare Trust Fund, along with increased contributions to the Fund. MTA repeated that it will not agree to the union's demand for binding arbitration.

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**ATU Members Voting, Today, on MTA Contract Offer**

Striking MTA mechanics are voting, today, on MTA's last, best and final contract offer. The results of the balloting are expected to be released, later today, by ATU leaders.

MTA's contract offer to the ATU includes wage increases totaling more than 5 percent, an immediate cash infusion of \$4.7 million to the ATU Health & Welfare Trust Fund, along with increased contributions to the Fund by MTA. MTA has urged ATU members to accept its offer by ratifying the contract.

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